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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-530699, published October 14, 2003 (with English abstract).
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-124575, published April 26, 2002 (with English abstract).
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-324843, published November 8, 2002 (with English abstract).
- 4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-353328, published December 6, 2002 (with English abstract).
- 5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-358295, published December 26, 2001 (with English abstract).

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